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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX Mail Code ORA-1 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Request to Withdraw Arizona State Implementation Plan Revisions from EPA Consideration WATER

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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Arizona State Implementation Plan Revisions identified as part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) backlog be withdrawn from consideration for any further action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The NACAA-ECOS-EPA SIP Reform Workgroup (SRWG) was formed in 2010 to discuss ways to improve the process of developing and submitting state implementation plans to EPA. One of the primary topics was EPA's SIP backlog, or those plans submitted but not yet acted upon by EPA. To address the backlog, EPA has committed to clear the existing backlog by the end of 2017, while reviewing all other SIPs within the requirements set by the Clean Air Act. In collaboration with the states, each EPA Region has developed a four-year management plan setting priorities and the rate of progress for clearing the backlog and managing the review of all other SIPs.

EPA Region 9 reviewed Arizona's submittals that were pending action as of December 24, 2013. Many of the submittals included multiple statutes and/or other elements. After consultation and in agreement with EPA and the Counties, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) developed a list of SIPs and rules that it is withdrawing (Attachment A). It is the intention of Pinal County to withdraw the remaining Pinal County rules once they have gone through their process with the Board of Supervisors, so we have identified these as rules that will likely be withdrawn in the future (Attachment B).

ADEQ is requesting to withdraw the plans in Attachment A in agreement with the goal of prioritizing SIP backlog. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 771-2288.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

| State Implementation Plans Being Withdrawn | Adopt | Submit |
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| Paul Spur PM ₁₀ attainment plan | 06/25/90 | 06/25/90 |
| AZ Permit – ASARCO Ray Unit Operating Permit | 03/13/90 | 08/23/90 |
| AZ Transportation Conformity SIP | 04/21/95 | 06/20/95 |
| AZ 314, Quality assurance | 11/15/93 | 11/15/93 |
| AZ 18-2-411 | 11/15/93 | 11/15/93 |
| AZ Appendix 9, Monitoring | | 09/26/90 |
| Maricopa Ag BMP | 05/06/10 | 05/06/10 |
| Maricopa 200, Permit requirements | 02/26/97 | 02/26/97 |
| Maricopa 210, Title 5 permits | 02/26/97 | 02/26/97 |
| Maricopa 220, Non title 5 permits | 02/26/97 | 02/26/97 |
| Maricopa 240, Permits for new sources | 02/15/95 | 08/31/95 |
| Maricopa 270, Performance tests | 07/13/88 | 01/04/90 |
| Maricopa 319, Ginning operations | 08/04/99 | 08/04/99 |
| Maricopa 320, Odors and gaseous contaminants | 07/13/88 | 01/04/90 |
| Maricopa 345, Vehicle coating | 03/04/97 | 03/04/97 |
| Maricopa 500, Attainment area classification | 07/13/88 | 01/04/90 |
| Pinal 3-1-100, Permit posting | 06/29/93 | 11/27/95 |

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APPENDIX B

| Submittals Arizona Plans to Withdraw | Adopt | Submit |
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| Pinal Plan | 02/22/95 | 05/31/95 |
| Pinal Ag fugitive dust rules | 06/12/09 | 06/12/09 |
| Pinal 1-3 and 3-1, Permit provisions | | 09/27/06 |
| Pinal 2-4-140, 180, and 260 NSR provisions | | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-1-150, Monitoring | | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 2-2-090, Air quality monitoring procedures | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-1-160, Test methods | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-1-170 Performance tests | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-1-173, Quality assurance | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-3-220, Permit and permit revision requirements | 11/27/95 | 12/12/03 |
| Pinal 3-3-230, Offset and net air quality benefit | 02/22/95 | 12/12/03 |
| Pinal 3-3-240, Special rule for Ozone NAA classified serious | 11/03/93 | 11/27/95 |
| Pinal 3-3-285, Special rule for non-operating sources of SO ₂ in NAA | 11/03/93 | 11/27/95 |
| Pinal 3-5-470, Applicability | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-480, General permit administration | 02/22/95 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-490, Application for coverage under general permit | 07/29/98 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-500, Public notice | 02/22/95 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-510, Term of authorization to operate under general permit | 02/22/95 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-520, Relationship to individual permits | 11/03/93 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-530, General permit variances | 05/14/97 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-540, General permit shield | 02/22/95 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-550, Revocations of authority to operate under a general permit | 07/29/98 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 3-5-560, District-issued general permits | 02/22/95 | 10/07/98 |
| Pinal 5-21-920, Fossil Fuel-fired industrial equipment | 02/22/95 | 11/27/95 |

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